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47. (original) The method of claim 44 which further comprises providing a coating material on the one or more discrete units, the coating material being effective to reduce the rate of release of the additive component into a fuel relative to an identical unit or units without the provided coating material.

48. (previously added) An additive composition comprising:  
a matrix material and an additive component, the additive component being located in the matrix material and effective, when released into a fuel, to provide at least one benefit to the fuel,  
the matrix material comprises an aliphatic acid component, and is (1) substantially insoluble in the fuel and (2) effective to reduce the rate of release of the additive component into the fuel relative to an identical composition without the matrix material.

49. (previously added) The additive composition of claim 48 wherein the aliphatic acid component includes aliphatic acid molecules having about 18 to about 36 carbon atoms.

50. (previously added) The additive composition of claim 48 wherein the aliphatic acid component includes aliphatic acid molecules having about 28 to about 36 carbon atoms.

51. (previously added) The additive composition of claim <sup>48</sup>~~18~~ wherein the aliphatic acid component includes a montanic acid. CDT 6/04

52. (previously added) An additive assembly comprising:  
a housing including a fuel inlet and a fuel outlet; and  
an additive composition disposed within the housing and including an additive component and a matrix material comprising an